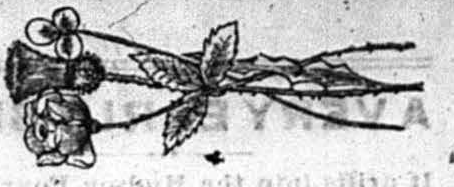




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BY TELEGRAPH.

PRINCE OF WALES CENSURED.

Chamberlain on Commercial Union.

SNOW STORMS IN WESTERN STATES.

Small Pox Ravages in Cuba

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 23.

The Queen has written to the Prince of Wales expressing her disapproval of his visit to Sullivan, the American pugilist.

Chamberlain on being interviewed regarding Commercial Union, said he had not met a single American who considers the matter seriously, and Canadians would not favor a scheme by which a foreign government would regulate taxation, and England would not submit to a tariff favoring a foreign power.

Fearful cold and snow storms prevail in the Western States; many are perishing and a fuel famine prevails.

Russia promises quit.

Small pox ravages continue in Cuba.

CAPE RACE DESPATCH.

CAPE RACE, today.

Wind N.E., moderate and cloudy. The Furness line steamer Damarra went west at 12.30 p.m.

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Xmas goods at Woods'
Layer raisins, etc. Geo Knowling

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Spices of all kinds
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SWEET HOME. To our already large Stock of views we have added, this past summer, 400 new
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All kinds of Christmas Delicacies,

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Per steamer Assyrian from Halifax:

200 Turkeys—choice

200 Geese—choice

50 pairs Ducks

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300 lbs. Fresh Sausages.

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Small lot of the above
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Baking-powder, and Breadcrumbs,
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All of the above are guaranteed good, being

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100 boxes Hams

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Forty-eight thousand dollars worth of New and
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In endless variety. One of the largest and most
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All under cover—Selling cheap.

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WHEREAS, MICHAEL WHELAN,

a prisoner in the Penitentiary, under sen-
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given that a Reward of

Two Hundred Dollars

will be paid to any person or persons who shall

give the Police authorities such information as

shall lead to his arrest.

And all persons are cautioned not in any way

to harbor or aid the said Michael Whelan in his

escape.

M. FENELON,

Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office, Nov. 26th, 1887.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

—AT—

3, ARCADE BUILDINGS, 3.

All Departments are

now complete with New

Goods marked to suit the

times.

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P. R. B. Burns

A VERY EARLY SHAD

It drifts into the Hudson Four Months Ahead of Time.

A roe shad weighing three and a half pounds was caught in the Hudson River near Dobbs Ferry on Tuesday and now awaits a purchaser at the fish house of C. A. Weaver & Co., 106 Barclay street, where, with terrapin from Texas and the South, it is about as far off from its haunts at this season of the year as it could be. The fish is a mature roe of three or four years' growth, and was caught in a seine with a lot of perch and other fish. But how it got there at this season of the year is a mystery. The first shad of the season in a New York market began to arrive from Florida about the middle of December. Early in January they reach Savannah, in their annual migration northward along the Atlantic coast, and about the last of January begin to arrive from North Carolina. In February they reach the Delaware Breakwater. They are not again met in large quantity until they reach the Hudson, which they endeavor to do in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

This year's run came late, however, the first shad of the season having been caught off Keyport, N.J., April 3. The shad season for New York ends with the last receipts from the Connecticut River, whence the best fish of the season come to market. The average weight of the Florida shad is four pounds, from which it increases rapidly in its northern tour to Delaware Bay where the average weight is six and a half to seven pounds. In North River the average is lowered to four and a half pounds by the presence of a large number of smaller and lighter fish. In Connecticut River they again reach an average weight of about five and a half pounds. Within the last three or four years a few shad have come to market from as far east as Rockland, Me., and the neighborhood of Boston, but the demand for them ceases shortly after the local season is over.

Shad have been caught in the North River as early as Feb. 17, but that was in consequence of an extremely open winter, and this forerunner of the season was soon followed by the regular run. But the Dobbs Ferry shad cannot possibly be the forerunner of an early migration, for winter is yet to come. The only plausible explanation of the mystery is that, deluded by the continued warm temperature of the water, the fish has turned shoreward from the Gulf Stream a thousand miles northward of its proper route at this season.—New York Times.

KEEPING HOUSE FOR LITTLE MONEY.—As the women are accused of being the chief spendthrifts in a household, may I say that for the first ten years of married life I kept house for the two of us on 10s. weekly, no rent to pay, for as thrifty people we bought our house before (we married.) The distress and suffering witnessed in many cases of middle-aged and elderly people through unexpected casualties determined me. Now we have little fear, because the future is provided for. We have had all the necessities, many of the comforts, and some of the luxuries of life, and the husband has always had the little extras that men, under all circumstances, seem to expect. As one of your correspondents state, thousands live on less. It is not the clamorous for charity that suffer most, and such should be met with caution in giving. Let us help the sober, the industrious, the clean, and the shirkers from public notice. Everything in the way of necessities is so wonderfully cheap that nine-tenths of the industrious might have enough if economy in little things were exercised. The remaining tenth demand continuous self-denial on our part that their bare wants may be supplied. As we who have tried abstemious living for our own and other's good find it physically beneficial, let us—even if there be no pecuniary need for it—continue the habit "that we may have to give to him who needeth."

DIED ON TOO MUCH MONEY.—A Boston man who, until he was 40, lived an economic, hard-working life, and one which was both happy and useful, had the misfortune at that time to inherit from a relative a fortune of some millions. He was instantly overwhelmed with importunities from all sides. Gifted with an acutely sensitive New-England conscience, he was not only anxious to do good with his wealth, but he was almost morbidly afraid that through ignorance or carelessness he should do harm with it. He investigated with the most painful care the cases presented to him, and he literally agonized over the things he desired to do, that he feared to do, and those that he was urged to do. Two years of this worry killed him. His physician said afterward that the certificate to be accurate should have been filled out to read, "Died of his money," and the statement would have been literally true.

THE OBJECTS FOUND AT POMPEII.

I have just had a private view of the silver objects lately found at Pompeii, which are now in the museum here, but not yet publicly exhibited, being kept in a case in one of the deposit rooms. They have evidently all belonged to the same table service. The most interesting object is a small figure in silver of Jupiter, which, together with its tiny square pedestal, is not more than three inches high. The figure, seated on a high-backed throne, is most delicately chiseled, and, in spite of corrosion, the features are tolerably distinct. The head resembles that of the Olympian Joves. The left arm is missing, but from the position of the socket it must have been raised on high, and probably held a sceptre, the end of which rested on the ground. The mantle is folded over the left shoulder, and falls in graceful drapery across the knees. The right hand rests on the right knee, and holds the lightning. Of the sandaled feet, the right rests on the pedestal, while the left is slightly raised, as if it had had a footstool beneath it, now missing. The whole was most likely an ornament of some central piece belonging to the service. There are four deep silver wine cups on slender pedestals, perfectly plain, and generally as bright as if the housewife had yesterday taken them from her cupboard; also several small plates or saucers, with finely-chiseled rims, bearing a pattern of foliage flowers, swans and panthers, in a running design. A small silver sieve would seem to indicate that wine was warmed with some herbs or other ingredients and poured through it into the cups, as it is of just the fitting size. There is also a little silver bottle, with narrow neck and holes in the bottom, as if for sprinkling spice. Some smaller and larger spoons, egg cups of different sizes and quite plain, and a flat round bronze dish, which has been lined with silver, now almost all destroyed and separated in flakes from the bronze, are the remaining objects of this interesting service of silver plate. There are no initials or signs to denote either the goldsmith who executed or the owner who possessed it. The objects have not yet been studied or explained by the servants of the museum, nor can I tell you to what period they are supposed to belong.

TRAVEL IN 1817 VERSUS 1886.—A magazine published in Philadelphia in 1818 gave the following as an item of news:

"In the course of the twelve months of 1817 12,000 wagons passed the Alleghany Mountains from Philadelphia and Baltimore, each with from four to six horses, carrying from thirty-five to forty hundred weight. The cost of carriage was about \$7 per hundred weight, in some cases as high as \$10, to Philadelphia. The aggregate sum paid for the conveyance of goods exceeded \$1,500,000." To move a ton of freight between Pittsburg and Philadelphia therefore cost not less than \$140 and took probably two week's time.

In 1886 the average amount received by the Pennsylvania railroad for the carriage of freight was a 3 cent per ton per mile. The distance from Philadelphia to Pittsburg is 385 miles, so that the ton which cost \$140 in 1817 was carried in 1886 for \$2.87. At the former time the workman in Philadelphia had to pay \$14 for moving a barrel of flour from Pittsburg against 28 cents now. The Pittsburg consumer paid \$7 freight upon every 100 pounds of dry goods brought from Philadelphia, which 100 pounds is now hauled in two days at a cost of 14 cents.

FRENCHMEN IN A QUARREL.—A rather remarkable row took place recently on the Boulevard de Strasbourg, outside the Scala Music Hall. The disputants were the famous M. Paulus, of topical-song celebrity, and M. Jules Jouy, a popular versifier and chansonnier, who writes clever refrains for the people in a revolutionist paper. M. Paulus, like Ministers and most great personages in this country, has a newspaper of his own, which he "inspires" and endows with funds. The sheet circulates, of course, for the greater glory of the lion comique who has so well adopted his muse, or rather the muse of the person who wrote for him the "Revenant de la Revue," to the times, and in its columns M. Jules Jouy was recently referred to in uncomplimentary terms. Hence the dispute before the lyric temple devoted to Paulus and his "interpretations." The comic singer and his assailant, after having soundly abused one another, were about to proceed to fistfights when they were separated by the spectators.

TEETH OF THE DINOTHELIUM.—Some wonderful teeth, weighing 5 pounds each and measuring 19 inches in circumference, were plowed up lately by Mr. William Fisher, of Glendon, in a low field on his farm. Several years ago this field was drained of a body of water by which it had been covered, and later on a heavy fire over spread it, lowering the surface a few feet. By investigation the teeth and their fossil accompaniments (huge bones 5 feet long) evidently belong to a species now extinct, and classed by S. G. Goodrich as "dinotherium," which he describes as an herbivorous quadruped 20 feet in length, and holding an intermediate position between the mastodon and the tapir. The fine enamelled surface of these gigantic teeth and their forked prongs, which must have produced fully 8 inches in the monster's jaw, is an object of great curiosity. Other discoveries of a similar nature have of late years been made in that vicinity, but this of Mr. Fisher's is the most recent and most interesting.

BOOKS
Suitable for Xmas Presents.

PICTORIAL CABINET of Marvels,
Pictorial Life of Livingstone,
Voyage of the Aurora,
Mutiny on board the Leander,
Boy's and Girl's Own Annual for 1887,
Tennyson's Poems, in cloth and plush,
Classical and Foreign Quotations,
Cassell's Family Magazine for 1887,
Anderson's Popular Tales—Illustrated,
Rebellion and Royalty,
Petro Parley's Annual,
Beeton's Encyclopedia—4 volumes,
Shakespeare's Poems and Plays—various editions,
Red Cloud, by Lieut. Col. Butler,
Cyclopedia of Practical Quotations,
The English Illustrated Magazine,
Aileen Aroon, by G. Stables,
Dusty Diamonds, by Ballantyne,
Two Supercargoes, by W. M. G. Kingston.

J. F. Chisholm.

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M. & J. TOBIN

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF
wishing their customers A HAPPY XMAS,
and would respectfully remind them that they
have in stock, and selling at lowest cash prices,
the following items:

Bread, Flour, Pork, Beef, Hams, Bacon,
Molasses, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Spices,
Pickles, Sauces, Jams, Syrups,
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—ALSO—
A splendid assortment of Knives and Forks,
Table Dessert and Tea Spoons,
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Lamps, Chimneys, Burners,
And a full range of requisites necessary for
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Hay and Turnips.

THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS
for sale 20 tons of Hay and 200 brls. of
Turnips (Sweets and Aberdeens) mixed, suitable
for cattle feed, at 2s. 6d. per barrel, for im-
mediate delivery.

oct28, 8w, 11w.

JOHN WILLS.

TESTIMONIALS.

In Favour of Calpin's Patent Anchor.

St. John's, Dec. 8, 1887.

THOMAS CALPIN:—

DEAR SIR,—Having used one of your Patent
Anchors on board my vessel on the Banks as a
riding anchor, I must say it gave me entire satis-
faction and merits all the praise I can give it, and
would advise all in the trade to adopt this anchor
so as to be rid of the entanglement of stock and
top flukes, which would be a great relief. I have
also used your Patent Anchor for trawl mooring
and must say gave entire satisfaction.

CAPT. MORGAN HALLETT.

Schr. Daisy Maid, Purin.

St. John's, Dec. 9, 1887.

MR. T. S. CALPIN:—

DEAR SIR,—Having had one of your Patent
Anchors on the Grand Banks, and used it in Syd-
ney and elsewhere, and its holding power was
surprising; and I believe in time it will be the
only Anchor used by bankers and others.

CAPT. GEORGE BONNELL.

Schr. May Bell, Purin.

BURLIN, Nov. 14th, 1887.

T. S. CALPIN:—

SIR,—Having used your Patent Anchor this
summer, on the Grand Banks, for a riding anchor,
it held my craft firm and secure in all the gales.
The non-hazardous action under the bow and on
the rail, in a heavy swell, all of which proves it
to be an invaluable invention when compared
with the old mud-hook. Yours respectfully,

CAPT. JOSEPH GODDARD,

Schr. Happy Go Lucky.

[Copy.]

THE PARSONAGE, FOGO, 2nd Aug. 1887.

J. L. DUCHESNE, ESQ.:—

DEAR SIR,—Please send me a small Calpin's
Patent Anchor, 25 to 30 pounds; but not over 30
or under 20 pounds weight. I intend to do away
with gagnons, the anchors work so well.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed), C. WOOD.

dec9, 21w, 3m.

129. Wates Street. 129.

Just Received, per ss Peruvian:

A lot cheap Blankets,
Black Cashmeres—by the pound,
Coloured Velvets—by the pound,
Cheap Clothing (men's), Two-Peak Caps,
Cheap Towels, Pique Stuffs,
Dress Suits—Black and Navy,
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Costume Cloth—all colors,
Pound costumes—cheap.

dec 15.

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IMPERIAL
CREAM TARTAR
BAKING
POWDER
PUREST, STURGEON, BEST,
CONTAINS NO
ALUM, AMMONIA, LIME, PHOSPHATES,
or any injurious materials.
E. W. GILLET, TORONTO, ONT.
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Makers of the CELEBRATED ROYAL FRUIT CAKES.

JUST RECEIVED, BY THE SUBSCRIBER.

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A Portion of his Stock of Xmas Goods, viz:

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Currents and a Fresh Supply of THIS SEASON'S TEAS.
the choicest brands and most excellent flavor. Fancy Biscuits of every description, namely, Iced-
Sultana, Ginger Snaps, Brighton Currant-tops, Honey Jumbis, Ottawa Gems, Pickn'ck,
Winsor and Fruit, also plain and fruit cake, and all kinds of

Spices, Jellies and Jams,

Together with Flour, Bread, Pork, Beef, Jowls, &c.

All of which will be sold at this joyous season at reduced prices. A liberal reduction made to whole
sale purchasers. Outport orders attended to, and every care taken to afford general satisfaction.

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IT WILL stand more rough usage and wear better than any other Cotton Line, and it is the
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Also, Choice Selection New Teas—selling at lowest prices.

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Hair and Moss Mattresses—all sizes; Flock Mattresses—any size.
Seaweed and Excelsior Mattresses—very cheap.
Bolsters and Pillows; Feathers sold by the bag—cheap and good.
Also—Brass, Iron and Wooden Bedsteads—of any price.
Call and inspect our immense stock of furnishing goods.

Nfld. Furniture & Moulding Company,

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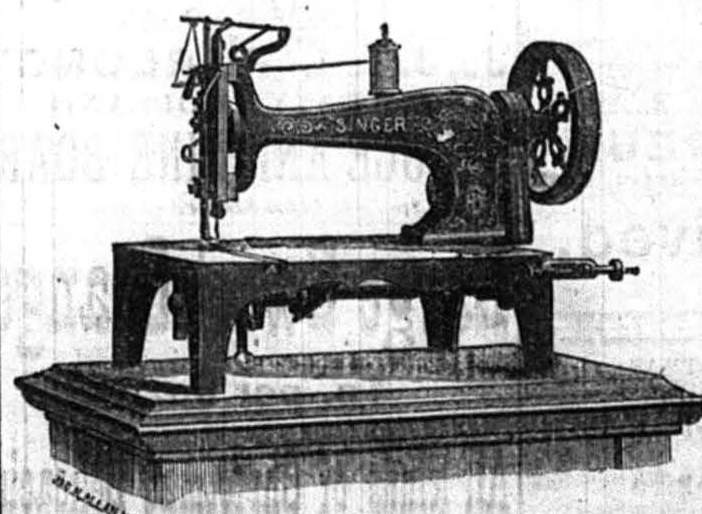
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[BY THE COUNTESS.]

CHAPTER XVI.—(continued.)

'Lady Selwyn,' said the duchess, 'what are you doing to your face? Is it possible there are tears in your eyes—real tears? Good heavens! what can you be thinking of? Surely you can never dream of going into her most gracious majesty's presence with red eyelids; such a thing never happened at court before!'

The tragedy of her voice brought smiles to the trembling lips.

'If there are tears in my eyes,' she said spiritedly, 'they must be of utter weariness. I never dreamed of such a crowd and such a struggle as this.'

'Probably not,' said her grace complacently. 'There has never been a sovereign so much loved as our queen. No one misses the opportunity of seeing her who can possibly help it.'

But those few words lingered in Violante's mind. All the gay pageant was as nothing to her. Why did those strangers think Beatrice more suitable to Lord Vivian than herself?

She did not hear the murmurs of admiration that greeted her. She stood in the midst of that crowd like a white lily with the sun shining upon it, forgetting her own share altogether.

'Now, Lady Selwyn,' said the sharp clear voice of the duchess, 'it is our turn.'

She was suddenly aroused from her train of thought, and felt confused and embarrassed. All her old fears returned; the train, the entrance into the royal presence, the kissing of the royal hand how should she possibly get through it.

'Beatrice,' she whispered to Miss Leigh, who was smiling maliciously at her evident confusion; 'Beatrice do you think I will make any mistake?'

It must have been a hard heart that could resist that lovely pleading face. Beatrice Leigh was hard—colder than a stone. A mistake that would have covered Lady Selwyn with ridicule would have delighted her.

'Most probably you will,' she replied carelessly. 'Strangers to this thing often do.'

And those harsh words brought a look of pain to the young face. So that, after all, Lady Violante Selwyn entered the royal presence confused, embarrassed, and bewildered.

The best remark one could make on the subject of her presentation was, that it was not a success, in after years her face burned to remember it; and the worst of it was, she knew that her failure was related to Lord Vivian with malicious detail.

'I could not have imagined, Lady Selwyn, that you would have been so awkward,' said the duchess, when they stood together waiting for the carriage. 'You seemed to lose your senses altogether. Do you know you hardly replied when her majesty made that kind remark to you.'

'I was frightened,' said the young girl. 'I tried to remember all that I had been told, but it died out of my mind.'

'Leaving you *plante la*,' interrupted her grace.

'I am not afraid,' said Lady Violante. 'They could see I was frightened.'

'Ah, yes, *ma chere*,' interrupted the duchess again; 'but woman of the world know no such fear.'

An almost passionate cry rose to her lips—a wish that she had never undertaken to be that which she dreaded most of all—a woman of the world.

She saw by her husband's face that he knew she had failed. It was darker and more stern than she had ever seen it before. He made no remark. She almost wished he would have done so; but oftener than ever he wished in his heart that Violante could be more like Beatrice Leigh.

'It is my own fault,' said Lady Violante to herself, as she walked alone through the long, dimly lighted conservatory. 'I knew that my world and his were different; that I could never be all his wife ought to be, and I should not have married him; it is my own fault.'

It was the evening of the day of the Drawing-room. Miss Leigh had

gone to a grand ball—Mrs. Selwyn and Lord Vivian to a dinner. She would have accompanied them, but she prayed to be excused; the excitement of the morning had made her head ache, she wanted to be alone. So she wandered up and down amongst the fragrant blossoms, longing for sympathy and for human companionship; longing, above all, for the touch of her little child's hand, and the sound of his voice. She felt unutterably lonely and sorrowful. She felt an apprehension, a foreboding for the future, that she could not account for. One by one, all the arguments she had used to Lord Vivian to dissuade him from wishing to marry her returned to her with double force.

Were all her fears coming true? Would Lord Vivian tire of her? She felt hopeless of ever changing. There are not many people in the world who think too little of themselves, but certainly Lady Violante was one of them. She had tried her best; and yet, up to this time, she could not help thinking her married life a failure. She had so often seen her husband anxious for her she looked round on the fragrant flowers, and asked herself with a dreary sigh—

'How will it all end?'

CHAPTER XVII.

'Give me all the pain that man is heir to But keep me from jealousy.'

LORD VIVIAN SELWYN little realized how often, and in how many different shapes, that idea came to him—wishing his wife was more like Beatrice Leigh. The Lady Violante was sweet, gentle, and of a most loving disposition. She was gifted with a refined mind, a cultivated and poetical taste; but there was no mistaken the fact—she was not and never would be, a 'woman of the world.'

That might not have been a matter of much moment if she had not been so different to herself. She had been two years married when she went to London, and yet she had not learned to take the head of her own table with out blushing. The time came when Lord Vivian thought to return the hospitalities that had been lavished upon him, by a grand ball, to be followed by a series of dinner parties. Will he ever forget the horrified face of his wife when he first told her of his intention?

'We will take one thing into consideration at once,' said Lord Vivian smiling, 'and then we may hope to succeed. The ball will occupy all your thoughts, Violante; you must try and manage it yourself.'

They were sitting alone in the pretty breakfast-room of Thornleigh House—a room gay with rose-colored chintzes, and stands of fragrant flowers. They had been breakfasting together, for neither Mrs. Selwyn nor Miss Leigh were down. The windows were open, and through them came a soft, western wind, perfumed with the breath of mignonette.

'First,' continued Lord Vivian, ignoring altogether the expression of his wife's face, 'you must write out a list of those you intend to invite. Head it with the Duchess of Roxminster.'

'That dreadful old woman, with her bare shoulders! Oh, Vivian, I do not like her!' she cried.

'Like and dislike are two words left out of the vocabulary of the great world, Violante,' said Lord Vivian. 'That dreadful old woman, as you call her, was the reigning belle for many years; even now she has more influence than any other lady in London.'

'She must be sixty, if she is a day!' replied his wife. 'She ought to be thinking of the other world, instead of living for this. I pray Heaven, when I am sixty, Vivian, I may have ceased to care for the world at all.'

He could not even feign anger, for he knew she was right, and the lovely face wore such an expression of purity and devotion, he could only kiss her, and whisper that she was an angel.

'I am not an angel, Vivian,' replied the young girl, who was accustomed to take every word literally as it was said; 'but these old women who pretend to be young disgust me.'

'We are forgetting the great ball,' he said. 'When your list is made out, you had better see Gumm over the supper, and Stray over the band. Let us have the very best of everything, darling, so that people may say when Lady Selwyn gives a ball, she knows how to make it succeed.'

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We have reason to believe that the former issue of the CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the DAILY COLONIST helped to make "MERRY THE CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY THE NEW YEAR" of many of our countrymen. From various sources we are assured that it met with a cordial welcome at home, and was also perused with interest abroad; or, at least, in several parts of the Old World, United States, Canada, and even in distant Australia. The variety of the literary contents, and the excellence of the engravings of the present NUMBER will, we trust, also prove to be of present interest and of permanent value to the people of Newfoundland.

The decision upon the best story and the best poem is left to the subscribers, or purchasers, each of whom will find a blank-printed form enclosed, which is to be returned to this office (filled in) on or before February 1st—a date which has been extended from the time mentioned in the prospectus, in order to give subscribers in the out-harbor ample time to have their opinions recorded.

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To the contributors whose clever productions, in verse and prose, grace our columns, and which will, no doubt, be appreciated by our readers, we have to return our sincere thanks—thanks in which our advertising patrons gratefully share; and whose favors, (not the least interesting feature of this publication), we feel sure the friends of the COLONIST will consult when about making their purchases.

Though conscious of its many shortcomings, we trust the variety and excellence of the bill of fare, presented, with the elegance of the typographical setting, will afford something, during this season of festivity and good-fellowship, to please every uninvited taste. We hope, further, that being, as we promised in our prospectus, profusely illustrated with engravings of prominent citizens, public edifices, local sketches and other works of art, and containing literary contributions of talented writers, and presenting, as it does, important and indisputable facts relating to the progress of the colony, our CHRISTMAS NUMBER will assist in inspiring faith in the country at home, and commanding for it respect abroad.

Frequently, in the world's history, influences so subtle as scarcely to be perceptible, have operated for years, aye, for centuries, which, in the fullness of time, produced most momentous results. It is simply a trite observation to say that, "in the order of progression, the history of the present represents the successive histories of the past"; but it is a matter of curious enquiry to discover what depressing influences, or what absence of exalting influences keep some communities back; while among others reason and intellect are employed to achieve the highest attainments in civilization. We will not stop here to inquire into the nature of the causes or influences which have retarded the material progress of Newfoundland. We would rather look forward to the future with hope, than enervate our will, or waste our energy in repining too much at the errors of the past. The philosophy of history teaches us that we may occasionally expect to behold nations which have long been depressed or enthralled, bounding into the light of freedom and prosperity almost in a single day. Not as a dreamer, nor a poet, nor an enthusiast, but from calm reasoning upon well-authenticated data we see, in the no distant future, a glorious vista opening for dear Terra Nova. With thousand of miles of shore-fisheries—with its close proximity to the inexhaustible banks—with valuable mines—with millions of acres of arable land—with a bracing climate—with a geographical position on the highway of the trade of two worlds—with a race of Vikings, brave, generous and quick of intelligence, what is there to prevent Newfoundland from being one of the most prosperous countries of modern times!

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Whilst we may reasonably expect these blessings, we should never forget that God helps those who help themselves; and the time and opportunity of having a gentleman representing Her Majesty at the head of our affairs, who is both willing and able to give the weight of his influence, experience and talent to the aid of any movement for the advancement of the country, should not be lost. In no way can the interests of our country be better served than by individual effort; and with the following words from a distinguished author, writing on a similar state of affairs to ours, which existed at the time in England, we cannot more appropriately close our Christmas Greeting:—

"Wherever individuals have exerted themselves zealously and disinterestedly for the improvement of those around them, benefit has never failed to ensue. A little good has invariably gone a long way, and in every grade of society, every department of industry, there are numerous examples which radiate improvement around them, and demonstrate that the most inveterate evils are not incurable. On all hands we see a stir and movement in the public mind; and if nothing more, at any rate a recognition of the necessity of doing something, which, after protracted lethargy, is a great step in advance. Every well-considered measure brought forward in a right spirit, not only does good in itself, but makes it easier to do more good. Difficulties which appear insuperable, doubts which can not now be solved, vanish of themselves, when we grapple boldly with the duty which lies nearest at hand. The evils of society, as of the individual, are of our own creation, and are already half conquered when we look them in the face. No society ever yet perished which had the will to save itself. It is only where the will is so enervated that a community had rather shut its eyes to the dangers which menace it, than make the necessary sacrifices to avert them that its situation is desperate. Let every one who, in his public or private capacity, can do anything to relieve misery, to combat evil, to assert right, to redress wrong, do it with his whole heart and soul, and trust to God for the result."

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THE IRISH IN FRANCE.

Young Lieutenant MacMahon, the youngest son of the illustrious marshal, has greatly distinguished himself at Tonguin. In an advanced post, with the troops under his command, he repulsed several serious attacks and drove off the enemy, punishing them severely. He released 2,000 women and children who were prisoners, and was warmly complimented by the general in command for his heroism. It was mentioned in the *Ordre de Jour*, and a copy of the document sent to the brave soldier, who had previously distinguished himself in the field. His preference is certain, and he will, no doubt, receive the Cross of the Legion of Honor for his late gallant and daring conduct.

I had the honour, says the writer, in November 1870, of taking him through the Prussian lines to his father, who was a prisoner near Sedan, before the young prisoner was yet out of his teens. If he is spared, he promises to follow in the steps of the hero of Malakoff and Magenta. These descendants of the soldiers of the Irish Brigade seem destined to prove that they have not degenerated in talent and gallantry. His eldest brother, Patrice, is a captain in the army and an excellent soldier. In the navy there are admirals and captains, O'Neill, MacGlashan de Stano, &c.; in the army Gen. O'Neill and Swiney, Colonel Hurley de Purnborough, Major Plunkett, Captain O'Gorman, Chef de battalion O'Connor grandson of General Arthur O'Connor of 1798, and many other officers of merit hailing from the Emerald Isle. If we are destined to have another Franco-German war, or any other, they will be found the first in the van and the last in the rear in every battle. They all know their origin and are proud of it.

Marshberries were picked in Topsail on Wednesday last and sold in town yesterday. This probably never could be done before at this season of the year in Newfoundland.

A VEGETABLE CURIOSITY IN CALIFORNIA.

John Zachert, who resides at 2,101 Steiner street, San Francisco, called the attention of the San Francisco Chronicle reporter to a vegetable curiosity in his back yard—namely, potatoe tops cut from the stalk and inserted upside down in the earth growing vigorously and promising a good crop of *pommes de terre* in the late autumn. Mr. Zachert said he had recently removed to his present location from 2,739 Pine street, corner of Broderick where he had quite a large garden and among other growing vegetables some potatoes, which in the rich soil grew very rankly, and he found them running all to tops. As an experiment, he thought he would cut off the tops, which were about 3ft. in height, and see if that would not cause the tubers to set better, which it did. Being a chemist by profession, and greatly given to experimenting, he thought he would plant the amputated tops in the ground and see if they would take root and grow, and then the idea occurred to him of setting them in the ground, upside down, leaves and all, which he did. To his great gratification and surprise, they were soon growing, the new branches and leaves which took the place of the old, some of which withered and dropped away, turning upward in their growth. This experiment was begun, Mr. Zachert said, three weeks ago, and the new branches are now from 1in. to 3in. in length. When he removed to Steiner street, about a week ago, he took up a number of plants and carried them with him, and among others, this inverted potato plant, giving it a box of rich sandy loam, about 12in. by 8in. He took no special care in transplanting, but the growth did not seem to be checked at all, and it still remains in the box. It is his intention to send it to the Agricultural Fair next month, as he counts his singular experiment a most successful one, and one that may prove of some practical value.

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HALIFAX AND THE WEST COAST STEAMSHIP LINE.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

SIR,—The Very Rev. M. F. Howley, D.D., and Prefect Apostolic of the West Coast, is a very liberal and enlightened clergyman, a man of generous impulses, and is also distinguished as a writer; not, however, satisfied with his success, he aims to be also prominent as a promoter and pioneer of a great steamship line. Now, we in Water Street think we know our business better than the Revd. Doctor, and we recommend to his careful consideration, as a Newfoundland, the following quotation from the Halifax, N.S., Herald, of Dec. 15:—

"A meeting of stockholders of the Halifax and Newfoundland steamship company was held yesterday when the following gentlemen were appointed provisional directors for the purpose of procuring a charter and other matters in connection with the company: Messrs. A. W. West, Michael Dwyer, Geo. A. Pyke and William A. Black. It was decided at the meeting that William A. Black and Capt. J. A. Farquhar be instructed to proceed to England at once and purchase or contract for the building of a suitable steamer for the route, to be ready on opening of navigation next spring. The boat will be a first class one, built of iron and sheathed with green heart similar to the cable steamer Minia. The opening of this line of steamers is expected to divert a lot of trade to this city which is not at present enjoyed. The capital of the company is nearly all taken up and the management being in the hands of active business men, it will no doubt be pushed through successfully."

The object of this new company in the above lines which I have italicized is very frankly given, it is to divert back to Halifax a lot of business which our coastal steamers took away from Nova Scotia. We know all about the West Coast trade before the days of local steam, that trade was then entirely in the hands of a few merchants in Halifax, happily we got hold of it and we intend to keep it. Captain Pat. Delaney is a right capital sailor, pleasant fellow, fiddler and fun pocker, but he took a tremendous rise out of the learned Doctor, when he told him that the new line would increase the trade of our local boats—our business people know—that their interest and the interest of the Newfoundland trade and fisheries lies in keeping our commerce amongst Newfoundlanders, not in giving ourselves away to a lot of fish merchants in Halifax, and therefore our government and our merchants won't assist the Halifax and West Coast steamship line in any shape or form whatever, not even to please Dr. Howley.

It is rather a curious circumstance that solid men like West, Dwyer, &c. have not subscribed one-fifth of the necessary stock in the company, and wealthy Halifax is looking to Cape Breton for more money to float the concern. The truth is that the Halifax people were led to believe they would get a subsidy from Newfoundland, and without a large subsidy the line will never pay. St. John's, Dec. 23. WATER-STREET.

THE FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, December 14.—The Radical extremist groups in the chamber today decided to oppose the vote of the provisional budget, asked for by Prime Minister Tirard, provided it is not made a cabinet question. The right will interpellate the government on the reassembling of the chambers in regard to revolutionary plotting in the Paris municipal council during the presidential crisis.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Geese are selling at a dollar apiece.

Turkeys are quoted at twenty-four cents per pound.

The steamer Portia did not leave New York until today.

The steamer Curlew left LaPoile at 10.30 p.m. yesterday going west.

The market places were crowded with purchasers of Christmas goods today.

The steamer Falcon left King's Cove at one o'clock yesterday afternoon bound north.

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo has left for Rome. While in New York they were the guests of Archbishop Corrigan.

A football match, East vs. West, under Rugby rules, will be played on Monday, Dec. 26, between teams representing the East and West ends.

The telegraph line is down near Gambo, thus cutting off communication with Twillingate, Fogo, Greenspond and Beaver Cove. Repairs will be effected by tomorrow.

Father Scannell, of Nashville, has been consecrated bishop of Concordia, Kan. The new bishop is a native of Ireland, having been born near Cloyne, county Cork, May 12, 1845. He was educated in All Hallows college, near Dublin, and was ordained there Feb. 26, 1871, for work in the diocese of Nashville.

LAUNCH.—Hon. Thomas Kickham, M. L. C., launched a fine new schooner at Souris West last week. She is now loading with produce for the Newfoundland market. She is admitted to be one of the handiest vessels ever built in Souris, and reflects great credit upon her master builder, Mr. William Chaisson, of Rollo Bay.

William Lewis, Esq., (master pilot) an old and respected inhabitant of this town, passed away this morning. The deceased had been ailing for some months. He was in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and was a native of Devonshire, England. He leaves seven sons and two daughters, beside a large circle of friends, to mourn him.

WEST COAST ARRANGEMENTS.—The letter of Very Rev. Dr. Howley, which appeared in our paper of yesterday, must convince everyone that the West Coast mail arrangements are anything but satisfactory. The suggestions contained in his letter are so reasonable that they will, we have not the least doubt, be adopted by the postal department.

Lash's cake raffle opened last night, and was a grand success. The rooms over their store was crowded from an early hour, and a large number of cakes were won by the lucky ones. The raffle will continue tonight. The reputation of "Lash" for good Xmas cakes, is so well established that the rooms will no doubt be crowded again tonight. Have a throw and secure a cake before it is too late.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.—The Provincial cabinet ministers of Quebec have joined together and intend presenting His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., on the occasion of his jubilee, with a massive silver and gold vessel, worth several hundred dollars. A prominent ecclesiastic, who leaves for Rome shortly, will be the bearer of the massive present. The various parishes in the diocese of Antigonish, N.S., contributed \$1,863.67 towards the jubilee collection for the Pope.—North Sydney Herald.

A New York letter says: Max O'Rell has "caught on." He is really very droll. At the close of his lecture the other night he said: "Gentlemen and ladies, you must have inhaled some of the sang froid of your Saxon ancestors. You have heard me marmalade your 'biyutiful-l-l lanwag'-ge for two h-h-hours with payshenge." In his efforts not to swallow any of the language, as is the misfortune of his countrymen who murder it, he roasts more than sufficiently vigorously on the consonants, with the above result. The audience fairly screamed with delight.

BIRTHS.

ENGLISH.—On Wednesday, 21st inst., the wife of P. J. English (printer), of a daughter.

DEATHS.

LEWIS.—This morning, William Lewis (master pilot), aged 77 years, a native of Taunton, Devonshire (England). Funeral on Sunday, at half-past 2 o'clock, from his late residence, 16, Gower-street. [English and American papers please copy.]